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MEMORANDUM FOR: Herbert E. Hetu  
Director of Public Affairs

FROM: Frederick P. Hitz  
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Director's Periodic Cable to the Field

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum Dated 25 July 1978, Same  
Subject

Attached herewith is the Office of Legislative Counsel's input for  
the Director's cable to the field as was requested in reference.

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Frederick P. Hitz

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With Congress planning to adjourn on 7 October, the legislative forecast for issues of prime concern to this Agency is as follows:

#### Civil Service Reform Legislation

Although the President has made this legislation a centerpiece of his domestic program, the complexity of the legislation and the many special interest groups concerned with it cloud the chances for final enactment before the end of the session.

#### Electronic Surveillance Legislation

Although top Administration officials continue to endorse this legislation, opposition by various members of the House led to a determination by the House Leadership that the time is not yet ripe for floor action on the legislation.

#### Intelligence Authorization

For the first time Congress passed legislation authorizing funds for intelligence. Legislation was passed by both Houses and a joint conference report was issued. The legislation itself does not specify funding levels

[redacted] the figures are contained in a classified annex available to all Members of the Congress. ST

#### Financial Disclosure Legislation

It now appears the House will soon consider legislation that would require top Government officials to file detailed financial disclosure statements. We are hopeful the bill that goes to the floor will be the version containing those provisions allowing intelligence employees to file non-public reports and additional reports as necessary reflecting the cover status of those employees whose cover position would so require.

#### Charter Legislation

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has completed its initial round of public testimony on the charter legislation. During the past few months, the Committee has received extensive testimony from former Executive Branch officials, academicians, and civil libertarians. The Senate Committee has not yet called on current Administration witnesses and, given the short time remaining in this session, is unlikely to do so. The House intelligence committee is not likely to begin hearings until next year.

Miscellaneous

House-Senate conferees recently concluded action on legislation authorizing funds for the Department of State. Although the Senate bill had contained troublesome provisions concerning the "Role of the Ambassador legislation" and amendments to the Case-Zablocki Act (which requires the reporting of international agreements), the conferees, reflecting our concerns, deleted these provisions.

Recently the Agency testified before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the matter of the anti-terrorism legislation. As a result of our arguments, the Committee has proposed several changes to the legislation to the effect of protecting intelligence information and certain prerogatives of the Director.

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Annette:

See FPH's note attached. Please get together with me at least several days before the deadline so that I can work with you to reflect what I think is required.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM: Herbert E. Hetu  
Director of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Director's Periodic Cable to the Field

1. The attached DCI memorandum charges the Director of Public Affairs with coordinating preparation of a periodic cable to the field. The idea for the cable followed the DCI's overseas trip last fall when it was suggested by many field employees that some method be devised to help keep them apprised of general Agency activities.

2. We will strive to provide the field with items of general interest to all employees and of particular concern to people overseas. We will attempt to make the items newsy and brief. As directed by the DCI, the ADDO will have a final review of the cable, it will then be edited by [redacted] and submitted to the DCI via the DDCI.

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3. Please provide the Public Affairs Office with your inputs for the next cable by the 15th of August and by the 15th of each month thereafter (or the last working day prior to the 15th). We request a negative reply when your office has no items to propose.

[redacted]  
Herbert E. Hetu

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